



Marathon County Public Library

YOUTH SERVICES

MAY-JUNE 2023

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STAFF PICKS for children

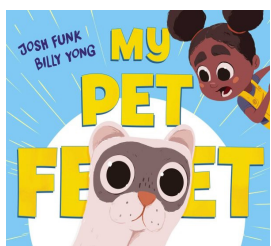


"THE CORGI & THE QUEEN"

CAROLINE L. PERRY

Introduces young readers to Queen Elizabeth II and her canine companion Susan, a Pembroke Welsh corgi full of love and tail wags, showing how this pair forged an unbreakable bond from princess-hood to queendom.

Picked by Taylor W.
Youth Services Librarian



"MY PET FEET"

JOSH FUNK

When the letter "R" vanishes, a little girl who suddenly has pet feet instead of a ferret sets out to solve the mystery and save the town, in this laugh-out-loud picture book about the 18th letter of the alphabet.

Picked by Tara H.
Youth Collection
Development Librarian



Story Times

Share the joy of reading with your child! Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. (Specially-scheduled story times are listed inside this newsletter.)

FAMILY STORY TIME

Stories, songs and more for children of all ages!

WAUSAU: Thu., 5/4, 10 a.m.

EDGAR: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 5/2, 5/16

HATLEY: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 5/2, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

MARATHON CITY: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 5/4, 5/11

ROTHSCHILD: Tuesdays & Thursdays,
10:30 a.m.: 5/2, 5/4, 5/16, 5/18

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* WAUSAU: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.:
6/8, 6/13, 6/15, 6/20, 6/22, 6/27

* ATHENS: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/5, 6/19

* EDGAR: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.: 6/6, 6/20

* MARATHON CITY: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/15, 6/22, 6/29

* ROTHSCCHILD: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/13, 6/27

* STRATFORD: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/7, 6/21

TALES FOR TOTS

WAUSAU: Mon., 5/1, 10 a.m. (breaks for summer)

BOUNCING BABIES

WAUSAU: Tue., 5/2, 10 a.m. (breaks for summer)

PLAY & LEARN

Stories, music and crafts with Children's Wisconsin!

WAUSAU: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

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* WAUSAU: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. &
11 a.m.: 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/29

* More events are scheduled in this series.
This newsletter only includes events May-June.
For details, visit www.mcpl.us/story-time



Summer Library Program

Come "All Together Now" this summer at MCPL! We have a summer full of programs that will keep kids reading, engaged and having fun.

Complete a reading BINGO card and earn up to two free books. Different BINGO cards are available for pre-readers, school-aged readers, and young adults.

We will have a variety of educational presenters and performers at all nine MCPL locations: learn about snakes with Snake Discovery, hear songs from children's musician Ken Lonquist, learn outdoor skills inspired by books like "Hatchet," and more.

Grab a summer activity book from your local MCPL for at home activities and a Flowergram "grab & go" craft in July. We also will offer a variety of in-house programs and crafts throughout the summer!

Call 715-261-7220 or visit www.mcpl.us/slp for additional information.

Taylor Weinfurter / Youth Services Librarian

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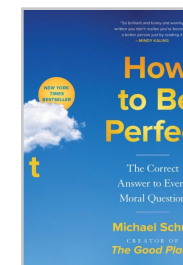
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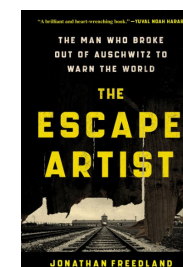


"HOW TO BE PERFECT"

MICHAEL SCHUR

From the creator of "The Good Place" and the co-creator of "Parks and Recreation," a hilarious, thought-provoking guide to living an ethical life, drawing on 2,500 years of deep thinking from around the world.

Picked by Allycia S.
Library Specialist

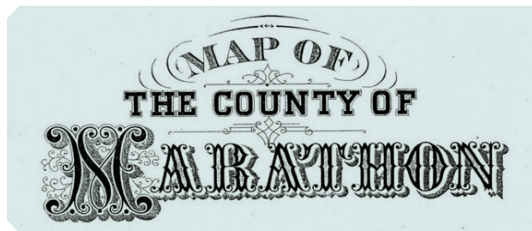


"THE ESCAPE ARTIST"

JONATHAN FREEDLAND

Tells the incredible story of Rudolf Vrba, a brilliant, yet troubled young man who became the first Jew to break out of Auschwitz to reveal the truth of the death camp to the world.

Picked by Kathy G.
Library Specialist



Historic maps added to digitization project!

Historic Marathon County maps and plat books have been added to the Central Wisconsin Digitization Project! These publications are from 1882, 1895 and 1901. In addition, there is a book that shows the evolution of the townships in Marathon County.

The scan of the 1882 map was made from an original that was donated to the library by Malcolm Rosholt. He received it from Mable Whitely, who was the daughter of a local lumberman. This scan includes notes regarding the locations of possible lumber camps.

The 1901 map includes plats of a number of smaller towns and villages in Marathon County, and a farmer's directory that lists names of farmers in the area. This list is a potential boon for genealogists searching for local families. While the "Wausau City Directories" also includes farmers from around Marathon County, this resource lists only farmers.

Probably the most interesting of the group is "The Evolution of Townships for Marathon County." This book was created by the Marathon County Highway Department in the mid 1960s and shows step by step how the land that became Marathon County was divided up into Townships. Each page shows the change and notes the date of the township's founding, as well as some election dates. This was a fun find and a neat way to explain the changes that made Marathon County the place it is today.

To access these maps, visit www.mcpl.us/cwdp and choose "Marathon County Historic Maps."

Julie Kinney / Adult Services Librarian



Wi-Fi hotspots now available for checkout!

The Marathon County Public Library is pleased to announce a new Wi-Fi hotspot lending program at all nine of its locations!

Two Wi-Fi hotspot kits are available for checkout at each MCPL location. These mobile hotspots provide an internet connection in locations where a cellular signal is already available. (If no cell signal is available, the devices will not work.) Each kit contains a single hotspot, a micro-USB cable, an AC charger with USB port and simple instructions.

Each hotspot can be borrowed for two weeks, with the option to renew if no other patrons have requested the device. These devices are not yet listed in the library's online catalog and must be requested in person or by calling your local MCPL. A fine of \$1 per day will be charged for each day the device is overdue.

To be eligible to check out a hotspot, a patron must be a MCPL cardholder and at least 18 years old. The patron also must not already have access to equipment or internet services sufficient to meet their educational needs. Patrons are also required to sign a user agreement upon checkout.

This pilot program will run through at least the end of 2023, at which point the program will be evaluated.

For more information, visit your local MCPL, call 715-261-7200 or visit www.mcpl.us/hotspots.

Dan Richter / Library Specialist

READERS ARE WRITERS TWEEN WRITING GROUP

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** **DROP-IN** Ages 8-14 are invited to join this virtual writing group! Register: www.mcpl.us/twg 5/1-5/31 @ Online (See event details.)

BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST!

KIDS & TEENS Join us for an archeology program and dig for artifacts! Tue., 5/2, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

CREATE WITH MASON JARS

CHILDREN We're hosting a fun mason jar craft project for kids! Tue., 5/2, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

THE LAST LOG DRIVE: 1912

ADULTS & TEENS Join for a fascinating and mysterious tale about the alleged last log drive on the Wisconsin River! Tue., 5/2, 5-6 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

CRAFTS & GAMES SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS **DROP-IN** Join us to chat with others while playing games, working on knitting projects and more! Wed., 5/3, 1-3 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

MUSHROOM FORAGING 101

ADULTS Learn how to safely forage for mushrooms from a local expert! Thu., 5/4, 5:30-6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

* LEGO® BLOCK PARTY

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Children and their parents and caregivers are invited to get creative with LEGO blocks! Sat., 5/6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

Thu., 6/8, 3-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

Fridays, 1-3 p.m.: 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30 @ MCPL Marathon City

Thu., 6/22, 3-5 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

FRIENDS OF MCPL BOOK SALE

ADULTS **DROP-IN** Shop thousands of books, movies, games and more! Proceeds support library programs. MEMBERS: Wed., 5/3, 5-7:30 p.m. PUBLIC: 5/4-5/6 @ MCPL Wausau

PRESSED FLOWER COASTERS

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Create your own beautiful and unique flower coaster! Register: 715-446-3537 Mon., 5/8, 4-5 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

MAP COASTERS

ADULTS Make a fun craft project using recycled maps and coasters! Mon., 5/8, 4-5 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

LOGGING & SAWMILLS IN WESTERN MARATHON COUNTY

ADULTS Join us for a special presentation by the Marathon County Historical Society about logging days of the past! Tue., 5/9, 10-11 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

CRIBBAGE

ADULTS **DROP-IN** Grab your cards and boards (or use ours) and visit the library for an hour or so of cribbage! Tue., 5/9, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

* POKEMON CLUB

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Calling all young Pokemon fans! Join us for Pokemon-themed activities and card trading. Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.: 5/9, 6/13 @ MCPL Wausau

LET'S TALK! SOCIAL HOUR

ADULTS A library encouraging people to talk?! Stop by to chat with others during this "round-table" social hour. Wed., 5/10, 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

ANIME AFTER DARK ANIME FOR ADULTS

ADULTS Join us for free screenings of "Bakemonogatari" and "Jigoku Shojo"! Thu., 5/11, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BEDAZZLE A BOOK BAG

ALL-AGES Decorate and keep your very own reusable book bag! Thu., 5/11/23 @ MCPL Athens

DIY POCKET FAN

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Stop by any time to make a pocket fan using some simple supplies. Sat., 5/13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

CHILDREN'S FEST

CHILDREN Join us at Marathon Park for stories and other activities! Sat., 5/13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Children's Festival (Wausau)

TIE-DYE BUTTERFLIES

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Create a cute butterfly craft after 10:30 story time! Tue., 5/16, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

EXTENSION GARDENING GROWING RASPBERRIES

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Learn how to grow one of summer's sweetest fruits with Extension Marathon County. Register: 715-261-1230 Wed., 5/17, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

MOVIE NIGHT

"WOMEN TALKING" **ADULTS & TEENS** Join us for a free movie, and bring your own snacks! 2022 | PG-13 | 104 min. Thu., 5/18, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

KNITTING BASICS

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Learn the basics of knitting during this program led by Marathon County 4-H! Register: www.mcpl.us/knit Sat., 5/20, 9:30-10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

WEATHER WHEELS

KIDS & TEENS **DROP-IN** Make your own fun weather wheel! 5/15-5/20 @ MCPL Edgar

FRIENDS MEMBERS-ONLY BOOK SALE

ADULTS **DROP-IN** Members of the library's Friends group are invited to this exclusive book sale! (If you're not a member, you can join on the spot.) Sat., 5/20, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EXTENSION GARDENING VEGGIES IN CONTAINERS

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Short on space, but want to grow fresh vegetables? Find out how with Extension Marathon County! Register: 715-261-1230 Tue., 5/23, 2-3 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

CERAMIC COASTERS

ADULTS Make your own coasters! Supplies and instructions are provided. You may bring your own photos. Thu., 5/25, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

FAMILY STORY TIME @ RIB MOUNTAIN

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time at Rib Mountain! Free admission to the park is available all weekend. Sat., 6/3, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. @ Rib Mountain (Wausau)

STICKY NOTE WINDOW ART

KIDS & TEENS **DROP-IN** Let your creativity shine and decorate the library with sticky notes! 5/30-6/3 @ MCPL Mosinee

SNAKE DISCOVERY REPTILE SHOW

CHILDREN Do you love snakes, lizards, and reptiles? Help us welcome Snake Discovery to Marathon County! Tue., 6/6, 10-11 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau) Tue., 6/6, 1:30-2:30 p.m. @ Oak Street Park (Edgar) Wed., 6/7, 10:30-11:30 a.m. @ Gaska Park (Rothschild)

* CALL OF THE WILD YOUTH OUTDOOR SKILLS

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Outdoorsman Jeremy Ray will teach skills from books like "The Hunger Games" and "Call of the Wild." Register: 715-257-7292 (Athens) or 715-659-3996 (Spencer) Tue., 6/6, 4-6 p.m. @ Memorial Park (Athens)

Wed., 6/7, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

* OUTDOOR STORY TIME

CHILDREN Bring your family to enjoy some fresh air and fun books! Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: 6/6, 6/20, 6/27 @ MCPL Hatley

* D & D IN THE LIBRARY

TEENS **REGISTRATION** Teens are invited to a new weekly Dungeons & Dragons gathering! No experience necessary. Register: www.mcpl.us/dd Tue., 6/6, 2-4 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* GENTLE YOGA & MEDITATION

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Be kind to yourself with gentle yoga and meditation! Register: 715-693-2144 Wed., 6/7, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

* BEE KIND STORY TIME

CHILDREN Join us for a special story time all about kindness, with a special "bee kind" craft afterward! Thu., 6/8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

* READ TO A THERAPY DOG

CHILDREN Children can practice their reading skills by sharing stories with well-behaved therapy dogs. Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.: 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29 @ MCPL Wausau

MOVIE NIGHT

"THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN" **ADULTS** Join us for a free movie, and bring your own snacks! 2022 | R | 114 min. Thu., 6/8, 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

EXTENSION GARDENING GOOD THYMES

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Learn how to grow herbs and add them to meals! Register: www.mcpl.us/garden Sat., 6/10, 9:30 a.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* PLANT SWAP

ADULTS & TEENS **DROP-IN** Take a plant or leave a plant during our popular free swap. 6/5-6/10 @ MCPL Mosinee

* KINDNESS ROCKS!

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Spread some kindness and create your very own inspirational painted rocks. 6/5-6/10 @ MCPL Mosinee 6/19-6/24 @ MCPL Rothschild 6/19-6/24 @ MCPL Hatley

* SIDEWALK CHALK ART

CHILDREN **DROP-IN** Stop by and help us decorate outside with chalk art! 6/5-6/10 @ MCPL Mosinee 6/19-6/24 @ MCPL Athens

* STORY TIME AT THE PARKS!

CHILDREN Join us in Wausau's parks for outdoor reading and songs! Mon., 6/12, 10 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau) Mon., 6/26, 10 a.m. @ Brockmeyer Park (Wausau)

* THE MUSIC OF KEN LONNQUIST

CHILDREN Children's musician Ken Lonnquist presents a series of fun summer concerts! Tue., 6/13, 10 a.m. @ Legion Memorial Park (Hatley) Tue., 6/13, 1:30 p.m. @ River Park (Mosinee)

* TWEEN BOOK CLUB FANTASTIC BOOKS

KIDS & TEENS **REGISTRATION** Discuss any book within the monthly themes! Register: 715-261-7220 HISTORICAL FICTION: Wed., 6/14, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau FOLKLORE-INSPIRED FICTION: Wed., 6/28, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

APRON STRINGS

ADULTS & TEENS Anna Chilsen Straub from the Marathon Co. Historical Society will present the history of aprons! Wed., 6/14, 5:30 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

CRAFT SWAP

ALL-AGES **DROP-IN** Donate unwanted craft supplies at the library before 6/17 to earn donation tickets that can be used to get into the swap on 6/17! Sat., 6/17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

ALL-AGES **DROP-IN** Patrons of all ages will have a chance to make friendship bracelets for their friends! 6/12-6/17 @ MCPL Stratford 6/12-6/17 @ MCPL Marathon City

* DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS

CHILDREN If you love dinosaurs, you won't want to miss this unique event! Mon., 6/19, 10 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau) Mon., 6/19, 1:30 p.m. @ Oak Street Park (Edgar)

"HEY JUSTIN, WHAT'S THE WEATHER GOING TO BE?"

ADULTS WAOW Meteorologist Justin Loew will talk about predicting the weather and working on television! Tue., 6/20, 10 a.m. @ MCPL Spencer

EXTENSION GARDENING POLLINATOR GARDENING

ADULTS **REGISTRATION** Learn which plants are important to pollinators (and how to grow them)! Register: 715-261-1230 Wed., 6/21, 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

* ELEPHANT & PIGGIE PARTY

CHILDREN Join us as we celebrate the works of author Mo Willems! Wed., 6/21, 10:30 a.m. @ MCPL Stratford

LED PAPER FLOWERS

KIDS & TEENS Create a flower that doesn't need the sun—because it lights up on its own! Mon., 6/26, 4-6 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

WINGED WONDERS

ALL-AGES Join the Antigo-based Raptor Education Group and meet some new feathered friends! Tue., 6/27, 10 a.m. @ Marathon Elementary (Marathon City) Tue., 6/27, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

STRAW WEAVING

KIDS & TEENS Make bookmarks and bracelets using straws and yarn! Tue., 6/27, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

PINT SIZE POLKAS

ALL-AGES Enjoy family-friendly polka music from the Mike Schneider Band! Wed., 6/28, 10 a.m. @ Oak Island Park (Wausau) Wed., 6/28, 1:30 p.m. @ MCPL Athens Thu., 6/29, 1:30 p.m. @ Lions Park (Spencer)

TEEN TRIVIA

TEENS Ages 12-18 are invited to a trivia game "Freerice" created by the World Food Program. Thu., 6/29, 1-2 p.m. @ MCPL Wausau

BOOK CLUBS

ADULTS Discuss these books with your friends and neighbors! New members are always welcome. Future book clubs are listed online at www.mcpl.us/bookclubs.

"THE GIRL WHO LOVED TOM GORDON" STEPHEN KING Mon., 5/8, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon

"HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD" ROBERT KOLKER Wed., 5/24, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"FINDING DOROTHY" ELIZABETH LETTS Tue., 5/9, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"MAID" STEPHANIE LAND Mon., 6/12, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Marathon City

"THE GIVER OF STARS" JOJO MOYES Tue., 5/9, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"THE GIRLS IN THE PICTURE" MELANIE BENJAMIN Tue., 6/13, 12 p.m. @ MCPL Edgar

"THE FAMILY UPSTAIRS" LISA JEWELL Tue., 5/9, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"JUST MERCY" RYAN STEVENSON Tue., 6/13, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Hatley

"WE WERE THE LUCKY ONES" GEORGIA HUNTER Mon., 5/15, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE" CELESTE NG Tue., 6/13, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Athens

"THE HEIRLOOM GARDEN" VIOLA SHIPMAN Mon., 5/15, 5:45 p.m. @ MCPL Spencer

"SUCH A FUN AGE" KILEY REID Mon., 6/19, 2 p.m. @ MCPL Mosinee

"THE SILENT PATIENT" ALEX MICHAELIDES Wed., 5/24, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild

"THE STORIED LIFE OF AJ. FIKRY" Wed., 6/21, 1 p.m. @ MCPL Stratford

"FUZZ" MARY ROACH Wed., 6/28, 11 a.m. @ MCPL Rothschild